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C O N F I D E N T I A L SANTO DOMINGO 4397

FOR ASST SECRETARY VAKY FROM AMBASSADOR

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SUB: ECONOMIC MEASURES TO ASSIST GUZMAN GOVERNMENT
AND SECRETARY'S VISIT

REF: SANTO DOMINGO 4396

ONE POSSIBLE DEMONSTRATION OF U.S. ECONOMIC
SUPPORT FOR GUZMAN GOVERNMENT IS \$8 MILLION AID HEALTH
SECTOR II LOAN RECENTLY APPROVED BY AID/W THAT COULD
BE SIGNED BEFORE AUG 31. HOWEVER, IT NECESSARY FOR
AID TO SHIFT FUNDS TO HEALTH ACCOUNT BEFORE LOAN CAN
BE AUTHORIZED. I UNDERSTAND THAT AID RELUCTANT TO
SEEK CONGRESSIONAL CONCURRENCE FOR SUCH ACTION
AT THIS TIME.

BELIEVE IT IMPORTANT THAT U.S. BE ABLE TO TAKE
SOME EARLY STEPS TO DEMONSTRATE RESPONSIVENESS TO
PRESSING PROBLEMS OF GODR. WHILE AID LOAN DOES NOT
ADDRESS IMMEDIATE BUDGETARY OR BOP PROBLEMS, IT CAN
SERVE AS PROXY FOR POSSIBLE PL 480 AND OTHER ASSISTANCE
IN FY 1979. NEW GOVERNMENT WANTS EARLY PUBLIC RELATIONS
IMPACT OF U.S. SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE. IF HEALTH LOAN
NOT SIGNED UNTIL NEXT FISCAL YEAR, THIS IMPACT LOST.

REF CABLE ADDRESSES PROBLEM OF SECTION 503 OF
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FOREIGN ASSISTANCE APPROP ACT OF 1978 AND FMS PAYMENT
ARREARAGES.

IN VIEW OF STATED INTENTION, INCOMING GOVERNMENT
TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS TO TAKE CARE OF ARREARAGES ON ASSUMING
OFFICE, BELIEVE WE SHOULD BE IN POSITION TO RESPOND BY
SIGNING HEALTH LOAN. WOULD APPRECIATE WHATEVER ACTION

YOU CAN TAKE TO RESOLVE THIS ISSUE PRIOR TO YOUR DEPARTURE
FOR SANTO DOMINGO AND URGE THAT THIS BE BROUGHT TO SECRETARY'S
ATTENTION AS WELL.
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